

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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POSTING OF SC/ST IN FOREIGN ASSIGNMENTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received representation regarding posting of persons from SCs and STs category in foreign assignments under UNO/its affiliated organizations;
- (b) if so, the action taken thereon;
- (c) the number of persons from the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and affiliated organizations deputed to UNO, its affiliated organizations/other International Organisations to the above assignments as on January 1, 1996 indifferent grades and persons belonging to the SCs and STs among them; and
- (d) the reasons if no satisfactory action has been taken on the above demand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (Shri RAMESH BAIS)

(a), (b) & (d): The nodal Ministries for calling for nominations for the UNO posts/ its affiliated Organisations, are Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training), Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Commerce & Industry etc. The Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, when the occasion arose, had forwarded nominations to the Ministry/Department concerned for selecting suitable candidates. The criteria for selection, as laid down by the concerned Organisations, is merit and suitability. A former Deputy Advisor (Fertilizers) and now Joint Advisor (Fertilizers) belonging to the reserved category (SC), had made a representation on December 6, 1995 against not sponsoring his name for foreign assignment in 1995. This was examined and the officer was subsequently deputed to participate in the second module of the short-term course under Colombo Plan on Environmental Audit and Industrial Pollution held in U.K. from March 2, 1998 to April 9, 1998. Four officers from the Department of Fertilizers, including the Fertilizers Industries Coordination Committee, an attached office of Department of Fertilizers, were deputed for foreign assignment in the financial year 1995-96. None of the officers belonged to SC/ST.

(c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House